GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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WINDING UP OF FBI IN INDIA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the FBI is going to wind up their organisation in India;

(b) if so, the details and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the benefits the Government got from them to contain terrorism in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c) The Government of India had accorded approval for opening the FBI legal attachÃ© office in the US Embassy in New Delhi on the basis of reciprocity in February, 2000.The activities of the office are limited to liaison with Indian law enforcement agencies, and do not include any independent investigation or any other activity outside the liaison function.Such legal attachÃ© offices, which also exist in many other countries are foreign liaison posts of FBI and meant to facilitate cooperation with counter part agencies in host countries on cases of mutual interest with a view to solving crimes that may have been committed and preventing crimes by sharing of real time information. There is no proposal to wind up this office.